



**General Meeting Agenda
Graduate Student Senate**

Sunday, 10/29/2023 | Zoom | 1:30 - 3 pm
Zoom: <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/3911497768>

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** [1:30]
 - President - **Emmanuel Odum**
 - GSS Advisor - **Richie Sanders**
 - Student Government Assistant - **ET Teruya** (Absent)
 - VP of IA - **Teresa Leyva**
 - VP of EA - **Ela Gapeyeva**
 - VP of Treasury - **Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit**
 - VP of Mission - **Andrew Hall** (Absent)
 - Senator - **Ruth Hernandez**
 - Senator - **Ana De Castro Maquiz**
 - Senator - **Kiah Combs**
 - Senator - **Arshie Jain**
 - Senator - **Cinthiya Joseph** (Absent)
 - Senator - **Ololo Olorife** (Absent)
 - Senator - **Megan Wang** (Absent)
 - Senator - **Bhavesh Ram**
 - Senator - **Rajyalaxmi Kavuluru (Shivani)**
 - Senator - **Alexandra Lindsay**
 - Committee Member - **David Yohanna**
 - Committee Member - **Shewit Woldemichael** (Absent)

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- 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes** [1:30-1:35]

Ana - I Motion to approve last meeting's minutes and today's agenda
Ajeet/Kiah - Seconded

- 3. Off-Campus Housing Presentation** [1:35-2 pm]

Presentation by Andrea Rocha - rochaa@usfca.edu

Overview of the OCL:

1. Neighbor Relations
 - a. Influential in USF Planning & Development



- b. Off Campus Concerns: Parties, noise, smoking, behavior
- 2. Landlord issues
 - a. Repairs/Rodents/Harassment
 - b. Deposit
 - c. Life Skills
- 3. Students of concern
 - a. Roommate issues
- 4. Housing Insecurity
 - a. Emergency Fund, Community Support, Resources, etc.
- 5. Many ways to live in SF
 - a. Open Apartments
 - b. Existing Community
- 6. Grad Programming Offerings
 - a. Connection Points
 - b. Workshops
 - c. 1:1 Appointment

4. Open Forum

- a. Highlights: Senator Events

School of Management

Coffee Meet & Greet Event (Coffee & Hot Chocolate)

Two sessions: 11 - 2 pm & 5 - 7:30 pm

Early Session - lots of people traffic, funding questions

SOM Question: Data Science Classes

Their events are on the main campus but they are on a different location (Downtown Campus) - Inclusivity? What can be done to support them?

Vending Machine @ Downtown Campus
(impacts 6 - 10 pm classes)

School of Education

Teaching Weekend Schedule - Saturday Morning 8 - 5 pm; 12 - 1 pm

Invited the Bookstore to attend - % off

Advising Going on

Lots of conversations & SWAG

Professional Funding & Development Opportunities

Andrew Hall addressed this

- b. Anyone who would like to address GSS



Possible Tabling Event?

Saturday 11/4 - School of Ed Event: Fromm Hall; 9 - 12 pm

Usually further in advance, we can see what is available and reserve a space, if SOE/SOM is okay with sharing separately what they contributed/managed their event

Conversation will continue tomorrow during check-in with Teresa & Ela - Teresa will send email

Potential creation for Grad Student Lounge/Multipurpose room

Commuter Space

Hold events, etc

Creating a resolution, space is limited at USF, if this is a Senate run initiative - it would be allocated to certain individuals to follow through. There needs to be a timeline.

Can also be statements

Bill vs. Resolutions

Bill - not GSS, Resolution - GSS

Resolution - certain department providing a statement

EX. Stair being a problem at SOE for students

USFCA GSS BYLAWS:

<https://myusf.usfca.edu/graduate-student-senate/about>

Creation of the USF Journal

Interdisciplinary Work & Publication

Academic Affairs could be the appropriate individual to talk to. What is in the process or works so far, etc?

SOM has a Monthly Newsletter to all students with latest things happening

SOE has a monthly Newsletter

Ceasefire Statement

Focus is on what is directly impacting USF Students themselves

- *Tabling this conversation*

Request to meet in person on next GM 11/19



5. Old Business

- a. Proposal of inclusion of Committee Member Stipend - By: Teresa Leyva & Emmanuel Odum

6. New Business

Welcome to our new members of GSS!

- VP of EA: **Ela Gapeyeva**
- School of Arts & Sciences: **Bhavesch Ram**
- School of Nursing & Health Professions: **Alexandra Lindsay**
- School of Law: **Rajyalaxmi Kavuluru (Shivani)**
- Committee Member - **Shewit Woldemichael**

Break Please come back by 2:40 pm

7. Executive Reports

- a. **Emmanuel Abuenyi Odum**, President (Absent)
- b. **Teresa Leyva**, Vice President of Internal Affairs

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**Next MM: Sunday, November 19th
& Sunday, December 3rd**

**12/3 Meeting: Reflection Meeting HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
Not formal: Talking about ideas for next semester**

- c. **Ela Gapeyeva**, Vice President of External Affairs
Senators - please make a list and share in the chat for Tabling Supplies **11/1**
Everyone - please complete the GSS Roster Merch Tab - **11/5**
Newsletter - Ela & Teresa
- d. **Ajeet Singh Rajpurohit**, Vice President of Treasury
Funding - Please all schools request at least **5 - 8 weeks** in advance. The process usually takes about **8 weeks in advance**. You are able to promote it, but you must request it in advance. The email must be sent at least **5 - 8 weeks** in advance.
- e. **Andrew Hall**, Vice President of Mission
Journal, Multipurpose space for Grad students

8. Senator Reports

- a. **Ololo Olorife and Bhavesch Ram**, College of Arts and Sciences Representatives



Emmanuel has connected them to the Deans, Bhavesh plans to catch up with Ololo. They are planning to meet during the week and host an event soon. The University Budget Team is in the process of reviewing the budget next year.

- b. **Ana De Castro Maquiz and Kiah Combs**, School of Education Representatives
Planning a second event 11/18 "Take a Break" kind of theme; 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Partnering with the Dean & Club Ed to give a discount on snacks
Pastries & Coffee will be provided
They have been working with **Joel Adetokunbo**, an International Student, to address their needs.

Motion to hold the meeting until 3:08 pm. Motion approved.

- c. **Ruth Hernandez and Rajyalaxmi Kavuluru (Shivani)**, School of Law Representatives
Closing the gap between GSS, faculty and students. They feel as though we are too separate. They are hoping to hold events to understand the needs of the students.
How often should we meet with our Faculty?
Teresa answered - about 2x a month; every other week to start.

EVENTS UPDATES FROM USF LAW SCHOOL:

1. <https://myusf.usfca.edu/law/sba> is our main website W/ all of our Student Organizations/Clubs
 2. Our law school events calendar is this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yd99y9kj> anyone can add this to their google calendars to be in the loop always and even join in! #YayTransparency
 3. USF LAW SBA INSTAGRAM <https://www.instagram.com/usfcasba/>
- d. **Arshie Jain and Cinthiya Joseph**, School of Management Representatives
Inclusivity in terms of including Sports Management & Data Science Graduate Students
Would like to set up a meeting with the dean regarding this and the vending machine issue - The dean does not always visit the Downtown Campus
Monthly or Bi-monthly meeting
GSS Promotion & Visibility
Include in our Newsletter? or Info Session? Posters, etc?
- e. **Megan Wang and Alexandra Lindsay**, School of Nursing and Health Professions Representatives
Possible Tabling Event coming up



Pre-Finals: Mental Health Checkin & Reminders of resources & a treat for Grad Students

9. **Advisor Report**

- a. Richie Sanders, GSS Advisor
Nothing to report

10. **Announcements**

**Fall Summit has been rescheduled to the Spring Semester
Newsletter will be out for review soon. This will highlight August - October
Headshots please send to Teresa if not already sent to Emmanuel**

11. **Adjournment**

[3:08]